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**LITTLE COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes from a meeting of the Parish Council, held in the village hall on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 7pm

**OPEN FORUM** – Nothing to report

**PRESENT** – Chairman C Rabbette, Vice Chairman M Kibble, Cllrs A Dermont, L Haycock, S Britten and N Jamieson and one parishioner.

1. **APOLOGIES** - Cllr P Morris

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None declared

3. **PLANNING;**

- a) SWDP – following the recent SWDP Review it was revealed that Little Comberton remains a Category 4 village, with no sites approved for development although two had been put forward. The Review has also stated that all Category 4 villages would have their development boundary lifted. The point was raised by councillors that whilst there is support for agricultural/horticultural development, it is felt that of late, some of the recent applications for consultation by the parish council, are more of an industrial nature and would be better suited on a purpose built industrial estate rather than within open countryside.

The parish council are concerned about the amount of development which has been included for Pershore and the Defford Road area, and the two employment sites at Pershore College.

Regarding the development in Pershore, as well as the effect any development would have on the ancient woodland setting of Tyddesley Wood, concerns were raised over the over-stretched facilities in the town, i.e. doctors, dentist and the local hospitals. Station Road is already almost gridlocked at peak times and the additional traffic will only add to the problems. It is considered that additional traffic would also impact on villages on the south side of Pershore Bridge.

In reference to the employment sites at Pershore College, concerns were raised over the visible erosion of the gap between Pershore and Little Comberton along with the landscape and visual impact within the AONB setting of Bredon Hill.

It was agreed that the parish council would put together a response to the consultation, to be circulated to councillors for approval and then for submission before the deadline on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

- b) Planning Application 19/02554 – 21 Orchard Drive – erection of rear extension and alteration to garage doors – discussion took place and there were no objections to this application
- c) Planning Application 19/02268 – The Old Rectory – erection of single storey extension to form residential annex, relocation of existing outbuilding and demolition of garden wall – the parish council have already commented on this application twice in the past and were in full agreement they had nothing further to add and were in support of the proposals made.

4. **POLICIES** – the clerk had previously advised the council that our Policies were due to be reviewed as it is some 2 years since they were adopted. NALC offer standard ‘model templates’ for guidance and these had

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been updated. The clerk had gone through the parish councils current **Financial Regulations** and **Standing Orders** and updated these in line with the models provided, deleting any points that were not relevant. She reminded councillors that these are standard policies for use by town and parish councils and some sections did not apply to Little Comberton i.e. On-line banking, sub-committees. The Code of Conduct for councillors had also been reviewed and updated by NALC. The amended policies had been circulated to councillors for consideration. There were no objections to the amendments proposed and all were happy to approve.

### **5. ADDITIONAL POINTS RAISED**

- Way markers – the parishioner in attendance advised that a ‘way marker’ was missing. The clerk asked for location details so that it could be reported, however the parishioner said if we could get the disc, he would fix it. The clerk to organise with WCC
- Grips, Marybrook, Pershore Road – the parishioner also advised that grips at Marybrook on the Pershore Road were inadequate. The clerk would liaise with the LM